



Our Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year

# The Farm Tribune

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## CITRUS FROST DAMAGE SLIGHT; PRICES RISE

Holiday season cold snap, during the past week, brought some damage to citrus in the southern Tulare county area, however, early grower estimates have now been greatly modified, and a preliminary, semi-official estimate indicates that damage will not reach more than 15 per cent of fruit remaining to be picked.

Damage, if any, to Valencia oranges, has not been determined. It is probable that lemons in the area suffered.

### Relatively Light.

In the final analysis, the per cent of damage to the 1948 Navel crop will probably be relatively light, in the overall picture, since only some 2,800 cars remained on trees when the cold weather hit while about 1,000 cars were in packing houses. To date, about 5,300 cars of an estimated 9,100 car Navel crop have been shipped.

Market for the period immediately following Christmas, reversed its usual trend and took a sharp upturn and Central California prorate was boosted somewhat to meet an increased demand for oranges.

## Rodgers L. Moore To Take Office

Rodgers L. Moore, of Porterville, will be sworn in as Tulare



Rodgers L. Moore

county supervisor from the 1st district at noon, Monday, January 3, in the county courthouse at Visalia. He succeeds Chas. R. Young, also of Porterville.

To be sworn in at the same time will be Harry Perry of Tulare, 2nd district and Jim Young, of Ivanhoe, 3rd district. Holdover supervisors are R. B. Oliver, Dinuba, 4th district and Jay G. Brown, 5th district.

## EARLY-DAY GAITED STALLION



A FIVE-GAITED stallion, "Richmond," bought in Missouri by the late Dr. J. L. Hardeman and brought to Porterville in 1902 as one of the first blooded saddle horses in the community. Shown with the animal is William Young; the picture was taken by A. R. Moore, early-day Porterville photographer and was copied from an old promotional publication dealing with southern Tulare county, brought to The Farm Tribune office by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas of Springville.

## Interest In Blooded Horses Dates Back To The '80s In Southern Tulare County

It is only natural that some of California's finest horses are now owned by residents of southern Tulare county, since interest in blooded horses is as old as the communities themselves and even in the 1880s, a blood horse association was ac-

tive in Porterville, and regular racing meets were held.

Actually, the Porterville Blood Horse association was formed in May of 1889 with

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## GROUP NAMED TO CONSIDER WATER DISTRICT

Four men were this week named by Victor Bowker, Vandalia district rancher to serve with him on a committee to investigate the problems involved in and the need for an irrigation district to embrace the area along the Tule river from below the site of the proposed Success dam to a tie-in point with existing districts or districts that are in the process of formation, west of Porterville.

Named were: L. N. Carpenter, Lester Lamkin, J. Andy Rogers and A. H. Hilton. Mr. Bowker was authorized to name the committee members and conduct a preliminary investigation at a mass meeting of property owners along the river held last week. A second general meeting will be called in the future to hear the report of this committee.

### Bureau Information

Mr. Bowker was in Fresno, Wednesday, to contact officials of the bureau of reclamation relative to general information on water needs and water patterns along the Tule river and to get other information concerning district formation.

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## RAIN - SNOW

Rainfall, as recorded by Frank Daybell in Porterville, amounted to .57 inches during the past week to bring the season total to 1.20 inches, and snow in the mountains increased prospects for a good pack as a source of summer water.

Figures from the Sequoia National Forest headquarters in Porterville show that about 36 inches of snow is on the ground at Quaking Aspen and along the Sierra at that elevation. Portuguese pass has 30 inches; Greenhorn summit, 30 inches and Farewell Gap, in the Mineral King country, 48 inches.

## Potato Market In Holiday Improvement; Commercial Spuds Run At Baugher Shed

A temporary shortage of potatoes, resulting in part from this week's rain that stopped digging, brought about a sharp rise in the potato market, with sales reported in excess of \$3.25

Until rain stopped operations, digging was general in the Porterville, Cotton Center, Poplar and Woodville areas where about 1500 acres of White Rose spuds are under cultivation.

### 30-Day Run

At the C. U. Baugher shed, Cotton Center, a run of at least another 30 days is being anticipated on commercial potatoes. Some 25,000 sacks of seed spuds also remain to be processed.

Yield this season, is not up to standard, although a number of fields looked good prior to digging. Cause of the light yield is a matter of speculation, although some growers believe that a later than usual planting in some fields may have been a contributing factor.

### DECISION

The Farm Tribune was this week declared to be a newspaper of general circulation in a decision given by Superior Court Judge Frank Lamberson. Hearing on a court petition asking that this status be granted was held December 1.



# Entertainment For Southern Tulare County

## SPORTS

BY  
HARRY BRITTON

The biggest off-season football controversy is whether to do away with the free substitution rule. The trouble is that the kids get nothing to say, although they are the ones actually affected.

The gridiron club of Boston on January 15th will make one of the most sensible football awards of the year. It's trophy—the Nelson Award—goes to the boy voted to have performed the outstanding act of sportsmanship during the football season. The first winner, Perry Moss of Illinois, was selected for interrupting his signals in the Iowa-Illinois game, at risk of a penalty, to direct official attention to the grogginess of an Iowa lineman. Last year's winner was Everett Dorr of Boston U., for playing football despite loss of a leg in combat at Iwo Jima. All votes must be in this

week in the balloting for the Sullivan Award, given by the National AAU to the year's outstanding athlete. We hope it goes to Bob Mathias of Tulare.

Not having had any luck picking winners so far. Here is a guess on the larger Bowl games. Northwestern over California by 7, North Carolina over Oklahoma by one in the Sugar Bowl, Southern Methodist over Oregon by 6 in the Cotton Bowl, Georgia over Texas by 6 in the Orange Bowl.

General Manager Bob Freitas of the San Jose Red Sox, advised me by telephone that he would arrive in Porterville on March 28th with about 30 ball players, news paper reporters and radio reporters, and stated that all games would be broadcast over San Jose radio stations.

### PORTERVILLE THEATRES

#### MONACHE

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY

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## MONSTER MATCHES MONSTER IN WRESTLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Six hundred fifty-one pounds of monster will appear simultaneously in the Porterville Green Mill Arena ring next Monday evening when the Super Swedish Angel, 346 pounds of meanness meets the Masked Zebra Kid, 305 pounds of meanness, in what could be modestly termed the battle of this or any other century.

Fans can expect to see all that is awful in wrestling, since



THE ZEBRA KID

on a reinforcing job for the the Green Mill Arena ring, also for some reinforcement of the floor space around the ring in case either of the monsters go through the ropes, as they probably will.

In the second half of the double main event, Frank Gonzales, new club champion of the Green Mill arena, meets Frankie Schwartz, and in the opener Frank Hickey and Count Von Buesing, each of whom is twice as rough as the other, mix in a one-fall, half-hour time limit tussle.

California farmers work an average of 9.8 hours daily as compared to a national average of 10.1 hours.

### SUPER SWEDISH ANGEL

both of these mauling masses know and use every nefarious trick of the wrestling trade. And, of course, if the Super Swede is successful, he will gain the privilege of unmasking the Zebra Kid in the presence of all and sundry. If the Zebra Kid wins, as he has consistently done to date, the mask will continue to cover what is no doubt a hideous countenance.

Reinforce Ring

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vs.

FRANK HICKEY

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# Entertainment For Southern Tulare County

## Coy Pledger Gives Notable Performance In Theatre Production, "Night Must Fall"

By BILL RODGERS

### Theatre Star

It is not difficult to comment on the performance of a good actor.

And Coy Pledger is a good actor, as evidenced by his notable portrayal of "Dan," the psychopathic murderer of "Night Must Fall," the stage play that is concluding a week's run this evening at the Barn Theatre in Porterville.

Mr. Pledger moves onto the stage near the middle of the first act and at that point, the play begins to move also, and as the action progresses and a net of circumstance gradually tightens around the unfortunate Dan, Mr. Pledger gets better and better and his acting in the final scenes of the play, in which Dan commits his second murder and is eventually taken by the police, is excellent.

### Nancy O'Neil Good

And Nancy O'Neil, in the role of Mrs. Bramson, a self-pitying invalid, is also tops. Her vicious and sarcastic attacks upon the members of her household, her transformation before the forced charm of Dan and her eventual realization that she is to become a murder victim, are well done, and the suspense that her acting conveys during a final scene when for several minutes she is on the stage alone, has members of the audience sitting on the edge of their nerves.

Good, but somewhat less polished, is Carol Norman, as Olivia Grayne, niece of Mrs. Bramson, intelligent but thwarted, who falls in love with Dan, even as she suspects that he is a murderer and still loving him after she proves his guilt.



COY PLEDGER, who is contributing an outstanding character role as "Dan," in the Barn Theatre production of "Night Must Fall," that concludes a week's run in Porterville tonight.

### Old Timer

The reliable Arthur Flint, an old timer on the Barn Theatre stage, stepped in at the last minute to handle the role of Hubert Laurie, an Englishman and a rather pleasant bore, and does an adequate job. Mrs. Ella Young, as the housekeeper, comes up with an entertaining portrayal and Billy Morgan, as Dora Parkoe, a house girl somewhat short on intelligence, is capable, although many of her words are lost in the whining voice that her role carries.

Rex Taylor, as Inspector Bel-size, looks and acts the part, however, a little more force might go into the role. We predict, however that if Mr. Taylor continues in the Barn Theatre, he will develop into a highly capable actor. The bit part of a nurse is played by Mary Beckley.

### Background Music

Certainly not to be overlooked is background music that is built into the climaxes of the play and adds immeasurably to atmosphere. This original music was composed and recorded especially for the production by

Richard Villemin, and a neat job indeed he did.

"Night Must Fall" has all the elements of a thriller, which it is—a mysterious murder, a headless body of a woman, a suitcase in which everyone is sure the head has been placed, a setting in a lonely English countryside, a discontented English household and the inevitable police.

### Theatre Character

While the Barn Theatre cast, in the overall picture, possibly lacks the polish of the professional, it certainly has nothing of the amateurish, and, in the final analysis does considerably better than pretty well for itself and the audience. And just as we've said before, these Barn Theatre productions are mighty good entertainment, folks, mighty good indeed.

Incidentally, the Barn Theatre itself is assuming something

of character, what with its surplus army tarps for a stage curtain—a curtain that opens with a roar akin to thunder—its wall drawings done by Ruth Loyd, its corner-of-the-room heater and its open rafters below its metal roof. And there is more of the wall decorations to come, according to Director Peter Tewksbury.

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## A NEW REGIME STARTS WITH THE NEW YEAR

One of the first important developments of the New Year, as far as Tulare county is concerned, will be the seating, next week, of three new supervisors on the county board, including the electee from the 1st district, Rodgers L. Moore.

In addition, Harry Perry, of Tulare, will take over, in the 2nd district and Jim Young in the 3rd district. All three of these new men defeated the incumbents in this year's election and will team up with the hold-overs, Jay G. Brown of the 5th district and R. B. Oliver of the 4th district.

It is our opinion that the county will profit by the introduction of "new blood" on the board, not that the new members will attempt an immediate "reform" campaign, but simply because in the democratic process of government it is well to periodically bring in new ideas and new points of view.

As we have stated before, we believe that Mr. Moore is capable of and will do a highly efficient and intelligent job of handling the affairs of his district and of the county. We believe that certain changes in county administration are indicated and we trust that these changes will be forthcoming in a orderly and business-like manner as the new board gets the "feel of things" and begins to dig into the problems at hand.

Certainly, the job of running a county has become "big business." We believe that the new board will prove itself capable of handling this business.

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## Bureau Fights For High Tariff On Citrus Fruits

Details of a fight to keep a high tariff on citrus fruits were told by Roy McLain, president of the Tulare County Farm Bureau in a report on the recent national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Atlantic City, given the evening of December 23 at a monthly meeting of county Farm Bureau directors held in Visalia.

Mr. McLain said that if the tariffs are lowered on imported citrus fruits and other products, the national standard of living will be lowered and a possible depression may also result.

He said that foreign-grown citrus can be placed on the United States market for \$1 to \$1.50 less than citrus grown in Tulare county, as a result of the availability of cheap labor in foreign countries.

"I am definitely against any move to reduce tariffs that will bring in the produce of cheap labor to our economy," Mr. McLain said.

During his talk, Mr. McLain also paid tribute to Harold Stassen, whom he visited on his recent trip. He said that Mr. Stassen, Senator Cabot Lodge and William F. Knowland are three of the great Republican party leaders.

Twelve states in the nation have 57 per cent of the national farm wealth, listed in the following order: Iowa, California, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and New York.

Governor Earl Warren has said that he will give the state legislature another health insurance bill at its next session.

Tulare county apportionment of state road funds under the Collier-Burns act for 1948-49 is expected to run \$1,190,840.

Jane Leach, 20, of Monson, Tulare county, will reign as queen of the Fresno Raisin Bowl on New Year's day.

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## SPORT SHOTS

By BILL WHITE, JR.

Heard about the hottest athlete of 1948? Another sports year has disappeared into the

record books and it was the biggest year since pre-war days. The Olympic Games provided plenty of drama,

topped by Vicki Draves' twin-win in the dives and Bob Mathias, the Tulare high school flash, who smashed through with a surprise victory in the decathlon. Babe Ruth's passing stirred the hearts of millions who had cheered him through the years. Joe Louis again indicated that he's not quite ready

for the old rocking chair, and Ben Hogan proved a good little man can be a potent powerhouse with a golf club in his mitts. Michigan, Citation and Lou Boudreau were other star performers in '48... but the hottest athlete was a cricket player in Atherton, England, who was carrying a box of matches in his pants pocket. A hit ball caught him in the pocket and set the matches on fire. He finished the game in a blaze of glory.

Going to finish out the year with a party? Then don't forget to stop in at BILL'S LIQUOR STORE, 118 North Main Street, for your beverages. Phone: 627. HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## Porterville Chamber Publishes Pamphlet Telling Of Industrial Possibilities

A new pamphlet, telling of industrial possibilities in the Porterville area, has just been published by the Porterville chamber of commerce for use in a campaign to interest owners of industrial plants in the Porterville vicinity as a plant location.

The pamphlet is based on the theme that production, princi-

pally agricultural, is already a fact in the community; need now is for processing plants to handle this production.

Statistics concerning the community are also listed and included in pictures of agricultural activity in the community are those reproduced on this page.

### The Major Crops and Acreages are:

18,000 acres of cotton

57,000 acres of grain

10,000 acres of alfalfa

15,000 acres of oranges, grapefruit and lemons

35,155 acres of vineyards and fruit orchards

Beef raising is a major industry, accounting for over \$1,500,000 net annually.

Poultry raising with the large chicken and turkey ranches account for \$1,200,000 net per year.

Hog raising is rapidly coming to the front

Over 50,000,000 feet of lumber is cut

## OLIVES



## DECIDUOUS ORCHARD



## CATTLE



## COTTON



## CELERY





## "Planning Together" Will Be P.T.A. Theme; Pot-Luck Dinner Monday To Start New Year

Continuing to enlarge on the organization's main project of youth welfare, the regular monthly meeting of the Porterville High School and College

P.T.A., scheduled for next Monday evening, January 3, in the Porterville high school cafeteria will carry out the theme, "Planning together, building together with growth through greater understanding."

The meeting will open at 7 o'clock sharp with a pot-luck supper and will be under the supervision of Ducor members, headed by Mrs. Wilbur Dennis.

Topic for discussion will be, "Should We Have Sex Education In Our Schools," with a film, prepared by educators and approved by various parent and teachers organizations, to be shown. If parents viewing the film believe it contains suitable information for the teen-age youth, a recommendation will be made to the school board of trustees that the film be used for student presentation.

### Discuss Film

It is not the desire of either the Parent Teacher Association or the administration to interfere with or ignore any religious beliefs or practices, it is stated, and any child with a written request from a parent or religious leader would be excused from seeing the films with no questions asked.

However, the main objection to these films voiced by a committee from the Porterville high school Parent-Teacher association who saw them recently, was that they were much too juvenile for the average high school youth and should be shown in the lower grades.

The board of trustees, all interested parents, religious leaders and other adults are invited to view the films and join in the discussion period to follow.

### SHARP DIRECTOR OF STATION

Paul F. Sharp has been named director of the California Agricultural Experiment station, University of California, to replace C. B. Hutchinson, who will remain as dean of the college of agriculture. Mr. Sharp is a former research director for Golden State Company, Ltd., of San Francisco, and a former professor of dairy chemistry at Cornell university.

The United States department of agriculture has announced that it will consider offers to buy an additional 20,000 tons of raisins for price support purposes.

### LOWE FIRM CONTRACT ENDS

Tulare county contract with the Lowe Engineering Company of Los Angeles for planning and supervising of roads and bridges in the county, ended last week after three controversial years of operation.

Dr. W. B. Parkinson, of Porterville, has been elected president of the Tulare County Medical society for the coming year. Dr. Parkinson, with Dr. W. A. Winn, of Springville, have been named delegates to the annual state medical association meeting.

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## Outlook For Nation's Wheat Summarized Large Seeded Acreage Is In Prospect

By ROBERT E. POST  
Bureau Of Ag. Economics

Prospects for a large seeded acreage next year, decline in exports and an increase in stocks highlight the 1949-50 outlook for wheat.

With price supports continued at 90 percent of parity and the announcement that marketing quotas will not be set on 1949 wheat, the acreage seeded next year is expected to exceed the 77.7 millions of 1948. Estimates of the State Production Adjustment Committees, for example, point to about 79 million acres. This would be only 2 percent below the 1937 peak and 9 percent larger than the recommended national goal.

If 79 million acres are seeded and average yields of 15 bushels per acre are obtained, 1,185 million bushels would be produced. Domestic disappearance in 1949-50, including food, feed and seed,

probably will total about 750 million bushels, the same as estimated for 1948-49. This would leave about 435 million bushels for export or additional to carry-over.

Exports in 1949-50 will depend on the size of the world crop and on the amount of United States financial aid to foreign countries. However, a substantial decline from levels of recent years seems in prospect. Early estimates set the 1949-50 total at 300 to 350 million bushels compared with at least 450 million bushels in 1947-48.

If exports should amount to more than 325 million bushels, a 1949 crop of 1,185 million bushels would add about 110 million bushels to the carry-over on July 1, 1950, bringing the total to about 385 million bushels. Stocks at the end of the 1948-49 season are expected to be about 275 million bushels. The prewar average was 235 million bushels and the record was 631 millions for July 1, 1942.

With wheat supplies increasing, prices in 1949-50 may average closer to the loan level than is likely in 1948-49. Furthermore, the loan level next year probably will be a little below the national average of \$2.00 for this year.

Seventy-six more men will be called by the army draft from the San Joaquin valley during the current week.

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The policy for the 1949 calendar year coincides with restrictions included in section 202(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1948 and thus will eliminate the need for any change on January 1, 1950, when compliance with sec-

tion 202(a) becomes mandatory. Action on minimum sales prices for 1949 was taken because present restrictions (section 2 of the Act of April 12, 1945) expire on December 31, 1948, and the restrictions imposed by the Agricultural Act of 1948 are not mandatory until 1950.

Exempt from the three general minimums established by the policy announced are: (1) Sales for new or byproduct uses; (2) sales of peanuts for the extraction of oil; (3) sales for feed or seed; (4) sales of deteriorated commodities or non-basis perishable commodities where there is danger of loss or waste through spoilage; (5) sales to establish claims; (6) sales for export; (7) sales of wool; and (8) sales for other than primary use. Similar exceptions are in effect in 1948.

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### THE OLD DAYS From The Files Of The PORTERVILLE ENTERPRISE Courtesy of Aubrey M. Lumley and Son Insurance

DECEMBER 28, 1889

On Friday last week, Clarence Anderson had a high old time with a load of freight he was hauling to James Bursell's place. His team was attached to two wagons, which were being drawn in Indian file, and, as they were fording the river, the couplings came apart with the result that the rear wagon floated down stream for about two miles and goodness only knows how much farther it would have gone had it not collided with a wire fence, which detained it until it could be landed.

About 5,000 cigars, 100 lbs. of candy and two boxes of crackers were totally destroyed and a barrel of whiskey that got afloat saw more water than it will ever see again.

On Tuesday evening the children of the C. P. Sunday school received their first visit from Santa Claus, who had never been there before. All through the

day the teachers of the classes busied themselves with the numerous presents that flowed into the old school house by fixing them to the branches of a large fir tree, and when the little ones put in their appearance in the evening, there were over 200 packets of candy, toys, etc.

About 7 o'clock, by which time the school room was crowded with children and adults, the Rev. J. T. Jopling gave the signal for the proceedings to commence and the church choir sang, "Ring The Bells of Heaven." The assembly was then led in prayer by W. R. Crawford, after which the fun of the evening commenced.

Santa Claus, impersonated by H. F. Brey, came in from behind the great tree, his approach being heralded by a blast from his own trumpet, and, with the aid of a couple of assistants, distributed the contents of the tree to the expectant recipients.

R. M. Graham was the champion at the last spelling matches at the Mt. Whitney school.

Ed. Halbert will commence lambing with 1,400 ewes about the first of the New Year.

Tom McIntyre sold about 1,500 wethers to a San Francisco firm on Tuesday. He received \$3.50 per head for them.

On Saturday, last, A. Abbey sold to T. J. Walker, 200 acres of timber land in township 21 for the sum of \$1,800.

Messrs Baker and Clark crossed the sumit last Tuesday on snow shoes and report five feet of snow at Kaweah meadows, where they are stationed for the winter, trapping fur-bearing animals.

J. J. Mitchell of Plano will put out 400 acres of grain, some orange and nut trees and a goodly number of raisin grapes this coming season.

On Wednesday last, Emil and Hjalmer Newman took a trip over the proposed route of the Porterville & Tulare railroad, preparatory to making a regular survey when the weather settles.

G. H. Wallace, on Monday last, brought a turnip to town weighing 12 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. It was grown on the ranch of Newton J. Smith on Poso Creek.

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## Demand For Farm Products To Stay Strong During 1949; Operation Cost Going Higher

Demand for most farm products expected to stay strong during 1949, according to estimates prepared by the bureau of agricultural economics, United

States department of agriculture, with the bureau report stating that if economic trends and government programs develop as now indicated, farmers' prices and cash receipts may average almost as high in 1949 as in 1948.

The report goes on to state, however, that prospects for the second half of next year are more uncertain. It is possible that the foreign situation could change in such a way that government spending for foreign aid and defense would be reduced substantially.

### Weakens Demand

This would weaken demand for farm products. Even under such a situation, farmers' cash receipts are not likely to drop more than 10 per cent below the 30 billion dollars estimated for 1948.

Farm costs are the highest in history this year. Feed costs will be down in 1949 but many other production costs will continue upward. Total costs are likely to be near 1948 levels.

### Costs Higher

Gross farm income is leveling off this year. With costs continuing upward, net farm income for 1948 is expected to be down

## Water Contract Election Slated For January 18

Residence of the Lindmore Irrigation district will vote January 18 on whether or not to accept a contract with the United States bureau of reclamation both for Central Valleys project water and for a water distribution system within the district.

The water contract, as negotiated with the bureau has been approved by the California Securities commission. It contains the 160-acre limitation clause and is the first to be negotiated that includes both water and a distribution system.

Under provisions of the contract, cost of the distribution system will not exceed \$4,529,760, with this amount to be assessed against land owners at a rate of \$4.13 an acre a year for 40 years.

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about 8 percent from 1947. With another slight drop in gross income expected in 1949 and costs remaining high, net income probably will be off again next year.

With net incomes high, the last few years have been prosperous ones for many farm families. They have spent more for household furnishings and equipment, improved their homes, spent more for medical care.

### Feel Pinch

However, not all families have shared the general prosperity and many have felt the pinch of the high costs of living. With net incomes expected to be fairly high in 1949, higher income families probably will continue to improve their living.

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## Grower Vote Urged By CCPA In Hearing Before House Agricultural Committee

(Following is the final installment of a reprint of a statement relating to the citrus industry and presented by the California Citrus Producers association at a recent hearing before the House agricultural committee meeting in Fresno.)

In the matter of Government Marketing Agreements, this organization has held for one main principle, namely, that individual growers be given an opportunity to vote. We object to blanket voting of large groups of growers through organizations. Further growers should have an opportunity to vote on important component parts of such marketing agreements. We do not believe it fair or just that a group of controversial provisions should be set up arbitrarily as a unit by Government Bureau representatives in Washington.

### Law Change

The law should be changed to make it possible to vote on each important provision of a marketing agreement and an individual grower vote should be mandatory to qualify effectiveness of proposed provisions.

Further with regard to voting on marketing agreements. We think growers should have a

choice of voting yes or no on all such proposals. We hold that under this democratic, or republican form of government if you prefer, the use of the soviet type of voting, that is favorable or not at all, certainly is not a part of our American tradition.

### "Floor" Price

We have some proposals to make on citrus by products, looking toward a parity "floor" price or minimum. We hope this can be worked out without any subsidy provisions. The citrus by products industry is in a deplorable condition and some National program is needed. Details of our suggestions are rather involved and too long for coverage in detail now.

A repeal of the excise taxes on freight and communications by the next Congress would meet with the hearty approval of the citrus growers. The 3 per cent excise tax on freight and trucking together with the various taxes on telegraph and telephone bills is particularly heavy to California shippers because of the long distances to markets.

### Added Cost

In checking transportation excise tax costs we have found that this item costs us from 2½ to 5c per box, depending upon distance to market and refrigeration employed. This means that a grower producing 10,000 boxes of oranges is indirectly taxed \$250 to \$500. This we hold to be inequitable and of confiscatory nature.

Lastly, may I read a short article that appeared in the Los Angeles Times under date of Sept. 14 of this year.

**Fruit Prices May Come Down**  
Washington, Sept. 13 (UP)—The housewife may find fruit prices down a little next year.

The Agricultural Department made this forecast in its monthly report on the fruit situation. It said this year's large citrus fruit production would continue and possibly increase next year, keeping prices down. Non-citrus fruit output will probably increase it said, leading to a drop in price.

The only 1949 fruit crops likely to be smaller next year are apricots, sour cherries and cranberries, which are very large this year.

This is more or less typical of many such articles that have come out in the last few years.

### Stick To Statistics

May we suggest that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics

could do well to stick to compiling statistical information and leave the predictions to realm of competent private individuals like, shall we say, Mr. Gallup.

Too often Government predictions of this nature have an underserved air of authority which has proven unreliable as

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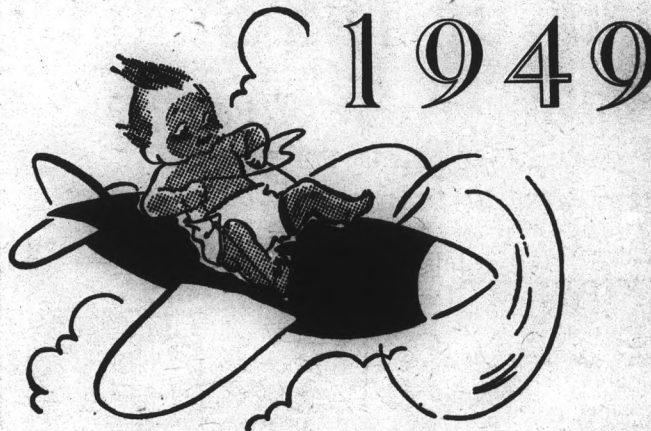
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## Gonzales Wins Club Championship

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## STANDARD TIME JANUARY 1

Clocks will be turned back one hour at 2 A. M. next Saturday morning to return the state of California to Pacific standard time. Rain and mountain snow fall that has brightened the state's power picture, resulted in a decision by Governor Earl Warren to take the state off daylight saving time, in operation since last March 14.

at the arena.

Gonzales entered the finals by virtue of defeating Mike Nazarian, who drew a bye in the first round. Lasartes, beat Red Koko on a referee's decision.

Frank Hickey was the first victim of Gonzales, losing to him in the opener. Koko beat Hans Schultz in his first bout on a referee's decision after an extra five-minute period and Lasartes eliminated Count Von Buesing early in the tournament, also on a decision.

Along with the club championship, Gonzales also won a silver loving cup, presented by Promoters Jim and Jack Starks.

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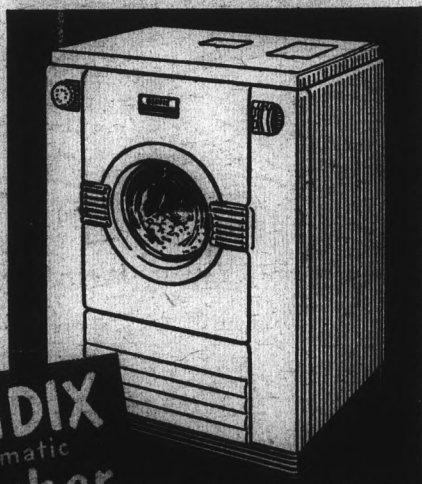
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## Nitrogen Fertilizer Increases Beet Yield On Experimental Plot At Vossler Ranch

BY RALPH L. WORRELL  
Assistant Farm Advisor

Results of a sugar beet fertilizer experiment conducted during 1948 by the Agricultural Extension service of the University of California on the Herman Vossler ranch near Woodville proved fertilizer was worth while.

Figures compiled showed that even though the check, or unfertilized areas in the test produced above average yields, the

application of fertilizer produced significant results.

### Increased Yield

One hundred fifty pounds of nitrogen per acre, obtained from 750 pounds of ammonium sulfate fertilizer, increased the yield of beets approximately 5 tons per acre, for a net increase of 1,048 pounds of sugar per acre over the unfertilized area. This was almost exactly the same increase as was obtained by applying 100 pounds per acre of nitrogen plus 100 pounds of phosphate. The addition of potash did not influence results, showing that the soil was already amply supplied with this nutrient.

On the basis of these results it appears that on Foster loamy sand soil type, where this plot was located, and with average crop history, yields of sugar per acre may be increased by adding either high nitrogen supplies or lower nitrogen plus phosphate.

### Needs Vary

Fertilizer needs and results may vary according to soil type and past crop history. Each grower is urged to conduct tests on his own place to determine the most profitable sugar beet fertilization practice. The Agricultural Extension service will

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## Army, Air Force Enlistment Open

The U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Recruiting service announced this week that they can still accept enlistments for the United States Constabulary Force and the 1st Infantry Division in the European Command, the Constabulary in the Police and security force for the occupation forces in Germany.

The 1st Infantry Division is one of the oldest and most famous Regular Army Division in the service. They have a combat record in both World Wars, that is surpassed by none, at the present time the 1st Infantry Division is on occupation duty in Germany.

The Porterville Recruiting Office further announced that enlistments for these forces are open until December 31, 1948 only. If you want to travel to Europe, don't wait. Make arrangements for your enlistment today. Eligible men may enlist on the 30th of December and still stay at home over the holiday.

## San Quentin Jute Grain Bags May Be Ordered

Announcement has been received by the Tulare County Farm Advisor's office that orders for San Quentin jute grain bags for 1949 may be placed now with Correctional Industries, Department of Corrections, 417 State Office Building No. 1, Sacramento 14, California. Orders may be placed any time up to the first day of April.

Individual growers must accompany their order with an affidavit, setting forth the name, address, use of the bags, and other pertinent information. Farmers Cooperatives may make application for grain bags on behalf of the members of the cooperative.

The application must be accompanied by a certificate from the county farm advisor or the county agricultural commissioner to the effect that "the number of bags required for each member is reasonably necessary

for such member." The application must also be accompanied by an affidavit verifying the contents of the application.

According to Tulare county assistant farm advisor, Ralph L. Worrell, all the grain bags offered from San Quentin are of standard size, 22x36 inches, 12-ounce size. They are put up in bales of 500 bags each. Orders for odd quantities will be baled special.

A leaflet containing complete information on obtaining the San Quentin jute bags may be obtained upon request from the Farm Advisor's office, P. O. Box 990, Visalia, California.

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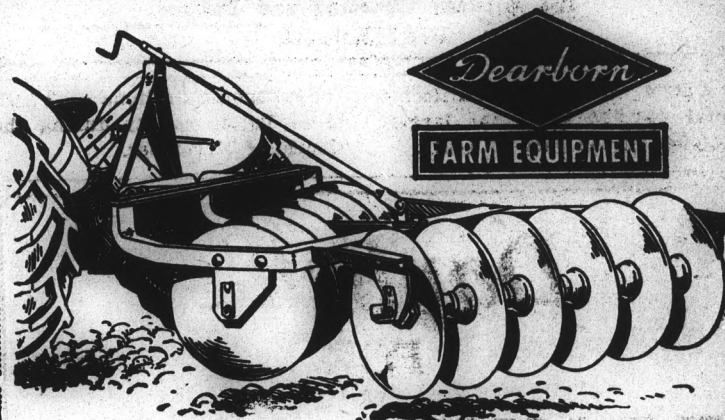
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## New Toxic Spray Chemical Being Tested For Control Of Olive Parlatoria Scale

BY KARL W. OPITZ  
Assistant Farm Advisor

Parathion, a new highly toxic spray chemical, is being tested in many plots for the control of olive parlatoria scale. Parathion, or 3422, is an organic phosphate that may act as a fumigant, although it is usually applied as a wettable spray or dust as a contact insecticide.

Its persistence and absorption by the fruit are still being studied. No recommendation for its general use by olive growers can be made until studies are completed.

### Preliminary Tests

Preliminary tests made by the College of Agriculture indicate that parathion may become an effective control agent against olive scale insects. Thus far of all sprays containing parathion, the spring sprays were found to be the most promising. 3422 appears most effective against eggs and immature scale.

Males of the olive parlatoria scale are more susceptible than female scales. In a plot dusted this summer it was found that a large number of sterile females were evident. Earlier or more frequent dusting may have aided in preventing the growth and development of these females.

## Potato Growers Favor Program

A program, under which a committee would decide how many of each grade of potatoes should be marketed in any season received the approval of growers meeting in Bakersfield, Monday, and will be submitted to the secretary of agriculture for consideration.

In commenting on the program, W. B. Camp of Bakersfield, chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Potato growers' committee, said that if placed in operation, the program will assure the housewife of the best grades of potatoes, will enable the grower to get a fair return and will save the federal government the heavy expense of a support program.

Cost of the program is estimated at from one-quarter to one-half cents per sack. The program was drafted by a committee headed by W. L. Kiggins of Tip-on.

## New Insecticide Kills Cattle Lice

BHC, a new insecticide to cattlemen, affords the best chance of controlling cattle lice with a single application. At least that is the conviction of C. L. Pelissier, assistant farm advisor.

Pelissier bases his recommendations on the results of a test he conducted with 13 calves last winter. These calves carried an extremely heavy infestation of lice. They were sprayed with a wettable BHC (Benzene Hexachloride) powder containing 5 per cent gamma isomer. The spray was mixed at the rate of 5 pounds of BCH per 100 gallons of water and each calf was wetted thoroughly.

One week after spraying not a single louse could be found on any of the calves although an enormous number of eggs were still present. The calves were again examined in 3 weeks to see if the eggs had hatched. Only five lice could be found on the calves.

Therefore, it is probable that one spray job will provide adequate control until spring when the lice hazard is usually over.

A word of caution, however, in the use of BHC: Any animal to be slaughtered within 60 days should not be sprayed since BHC can be recovered in the animal's fat for a considerable period. Since BCH also collects in milk fat particles it should not be used on dairy cattle in milk.

The commission, headed by former president, Herbert Hoover, engaged in a study of reorganization of departments of national government, is expected to recommend major reorganization in the departments of agriculture and the interior.

Decline in the Mexico epidemic of hoof and mouth disease as a result of a cattle vaccination program is reported by Dr. C. U. Duckworth, assistant state director of agriculture.

Producers may sell 7,250,000 tons of sugar on the United States market in 1949, according to a ruling by Secretary of Agriculture Brannon. The amount is a 50,000 ton increase over 1948.



## For The Ladies . . .

### Fish Provides All-Year Food For Family Meals

BY CLARA E. COWGILL

Home Demonstration Agent

Fish, either fresh or frozen, is one food Californians can have on their dinner tables all year 'round and anyone can cook fish so that it will be eaten with relish by every member of the family.

Fish supplies body building protein and many of the vitamins and minerals necessary for good nutrition. It can be served in place of meat and at a somewhat lower cost than many cuts of meat. The use of garnishes and seasonings can even make fish a tempting main dish.

Hilda Faust and Vera Greaves Mrak, extension specialists in nutrition for the Agricultural Extension service, have just authored a new booklet called, "What About Fish?" Within its pages are suggestions on the selection of fish, its food value, and basic cooking methods. The illustrations show how to prepare a fish for cooking, and the different methods that can be used, such as steaming, baking, and broiling.

At the end of the booklet are ten recipes for sauces that may be poured over the fish or served separately. Just the titles of the sauces will stir up an appetite, such as Aromatic Sauce, Drawn Butter Sauce, and Anchovy Sauce.

Free copies of this booklet are available upon request at the Tulare County Agricultural Extension service office, Post Office Building, Visalia.

A ten per cent increase in the nation's pig crop is predicted for 1949 as compared to 1948.

### Fruit Juices Good In Ices And Sherbets

Frozen fruit juices in the form of ices and sherbets are refreshing and appetizing meat accompaniments. Tart juices, as grape, cranberry and lemon, are especially good. A sherbet may replace a salad or cocktail for an informal meal.

#### Grape Ice

- 1 pt. grape juice
- 1 c crushed pineapple
- ½ c sugar
- juice of 1 orange
- juice of ½ lemon

Blend until all the sugar is dissolved. Freeze to mushy stage. Serve in sherbet cups.

#### Ginger Ale Sherbet

- 1 pt gingerale
- 1 c water
- 2 c pineapple juice
- ¾ c hot water
- 4 T lemon juice
- 1½ c sugar
- 1 T gelatin
- 1/4 cold water

Soften gelatin in cold water, then dissolve in ¾ c hot water. Add sugare and stir until thoroughly dissolved. Cool; add fruit juices, gingerale and water. Freeze into an ice.

### Nitrogen Fertilizer Increases Beef Yield

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be glad to assist growers with this and other production problems.

A mimeographed leaflet presenting results of the sugar fertilizer experiment may be obtained upon request from the Farm Advisor's Office, Post Office Building, Visalia.

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### Selection Of Furniture Is Meetings Topic

A set of colored slides will be used to illustrate points covered at meetings on "Furniture Selection," to be held during the month of January under direction of Clara E. Cowgill, Tulare county home demonstration agent.

Miss Cowgill states that suggestions will be given at the meetings which may help homemakers in selecting new furni-

ture and in the care and repairing of their old furniture.

Scheduled meetings include: Earlmart, Friday January 7, 2 P. M., place to be announced; Prarie Center, Thursday, January 20 2 P. M., place to be announced; Alta Vista, Friday, January 21, 2 P. M., home of Mrs. Florence Hall; Burton, Tuesday, January 25, 2 P. M., home of Mrs. Albert Sayre, 105 So. J Street, Porterville and Surprise, Wednesday, January 26, 2 P. M., place to be announced.

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## Interest In Blood Horses Dates Back To The '80s

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Captain Hayes as the first president. L. J. Redfield was vice president; S. J. W. Tyler, treasurer; J. E. Shuey, secretary and M. B. Crawford, W. A. Hall and B. B. Smith were directors.

### Racing Meets

One of the first activities of the association was to promote a three-day harness racing meet over the July Fourth holidays in 1889, with the races being run at the old Jamieson track.

A second meet was held in the same year on October 17, 18 and 19, and both these events brought blooded horses from throughout the San Joaquin valley and the state to Porterville for competition, and a general holiday was unofficially declared throughout the county in order that people could come to Porterville for the races.

### Daily Paper

In connection with the second meet, Porterville received its first daily newspaper. The Enterprise, then published by M. J. O'Clancy, put out three special daily editions and, although the editions consisted of only a

## GROUP IS NAMED TO CONSIDER WATER DISTRICT

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Also in the process of formation are two other districts along the Tule river; the Porterville Irrigation district that seeks to include an area generally from south of Poplar road to the Lindmore district boundary and from the edge of the city of Porterville to the Italy road west of town, and the Tule River Irrigation district that seeks to cover a much larger area that would extend from the Porterville district west to the Kings county line and would tie in with existing districts on the north and south.

The Porterville Irrigation district residents completed the circulation of necessary petitions several weeks ago; Tule River Irrigation district land owners are in the process of gathering petition signatures.

single nine by twelve inch page, printed on both sides, the effort received considerable local praise and was commented on editorially by a number of other newspapers in the San Joaquin valley.

Some of the first blooded saddle horses were brought to southern Tulare county in the early 1900s by the late Dr. J. L. Hardeman, whose first "imported" stallion, "Richmond," came from Missouri.

Dr. Hardeman succeeded in interesting the late J. H. Williams in blooded horses and together they eventually owned a number of top horses, one of their most famous being "Squirrel Montrose," a gaited stallion that proved to be a prize winner in shows throughout California.

The Dillon Mill road has been closed for the winter, according to an announcement from the office of Paul Stathem of Porterville, Sequoia National Forest supervisor.

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